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AGENDA

BORAL DUNNSTOWN COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP – MARCH 2025

Date: Wednesday 12 March 2025

Meeting Time: 4.30pm-6:00pm

Venue: Navigators Community Centre, Gerald Mullane Reserve, 344 Navigators Rd, Navigators

Invitees	Jane Lovell, Chairperson	
	Penny Wedesweiler, Secretariat	Grounded Resource Advisory
	Blair Mather, Project Manager – Quarries Development	Boral
	Craig Tanner, Quarry Manager	Boral
	Melinda Farrell, Community Relations and Engagement Specialist	Boral
	Richard Glenane	Community member
	Wayne Austin	Community member
	John Box	Community member
	James Jim O'May	Community member
	Shane Murphy	Community member
	Rick Stephens	Community member
	Gail Rochelmeyer	Community member
	Karl Britt	Community member
Observers	Glenn Kilburn, Catherine McLay	Earth Resource Regulation Moorabool Shire Council
Apologies	Jake McClellan, Boral	

Minutes

Agenda item	Minutes
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jane thanked everyone for volunteering for the CRG and introduced herself as the CRG's independent chair. Janes works with government, boards and industry associations and has a background in farming, fisheries and forestry. Jane works across contested resource issues and supports organisations and community groups to have collaborative conversations. Jane's role is to keep everyone on time and ensure conversations are respectful. - Jake McClellan was noted as an apology



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<p>2. Introduction to the CRG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jane noted the Dunnstown CRG is Boral's way to speak to and receive feedback from the community. The CRG is not a decision-making group but allows community perspectives to be heard. Boral is ultimately responsible for all decisions relating to the quarry. - Jane reiterated all conversations should be collaborative and respectful. She thanked previous CRG members for their time and welcomed new members. She confirmed CRG membership runs for two years. - The CRG operates under Chatham House Rule.
<p>3. Code of conduct and terms of reference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jane emphasised the key points out of the ToRs and noted the CRG acts as a two way link between Boral and community members. - Jane's role is to ensure conversations are respectful and that personal attacks or bullying will not be tolerated. Conversations must be kept open and constructive. - Conflict of interest (Col): Jane noted members must be aware whether they exist and should be disclosed to the group. Jane declared a Col that whilst she is an independent chair, that she is paid by Boral. - Mel confirmed there would be a Col declaration process - Gail asked for examples of what a Col would be. Jane noted that a member could have the potential to financially benefit from a relationship with Boral, e.g. a shareholder or if the member is part of a community group that receives funding from Boral. - Wayne declared that that the venue [Navigators Community Centre] was funded by Boral.
<p>4. Boral introductions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jim noted he would like to hear Boral's reflections on the previous CRG – e.g. what worked and didn't work. - Mel – Community Relations Specialist: Has worked with Boral over 25 years in safety, compliance, training roles and has been in community relations for a year. She is enjoying getting to know the different community members around the quarries she works across and their passion for their communities. Mel observed late last year that she felt the Dunnstown CRG could benefit from more diverse opinions and extended an invitation to the broader Dunnstown community to join the group. - Blair – Planning and Development Manager: Has been with Boral for seven years and was part of the previous CRG. He is responsible for the Dunnstown Quarry's work plan variation. - Craig Tanner – Quarry Manager: Has been with Boral 35 years and at the Dunnstown Quarry for almost nine years. He's here to ensure the CRG and Boral move together in the right direction.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catherine McLay, Special Projects Lead – Moorabool Shire Council: Looks after major developments including quarries. The shire has many CRG meetings and she attends as many as possible. She is attending Boral’s CRG as an observer and will share information with councillors - Glenn – Earth Resources Regulation: Has been with ERR for almost five years. He will attend each meeting as an observer and to answer questions on behalf of ERR. ERR regulates mines and quarries in Victoria. - Penny Wedesweiler, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor – Grounded Resource Advisory: Works with resources clients across Victoria and supports Mel in stakeholder engagement and the new CRG process. Will be taking minutes of CRG meetings.
<p>5. CRG member introductions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karl: Lives next to the quarry and was a previous CRG member. Joined to have input into the quarry and would like to work collaboratively. His family has lived in the area for three generations and his kids are in the local footy club. - Shane: Lives in Dunnstown and has been part of the CRG for three years. His family has lived in the area for four generations. He joined the CRG as he’s passionate about Dunnstown and is looking forward to an ongoing relationship with Boral. He noted the CRG has come a long way and can go further. His biggest issue is traffic safety. He would like to see Boral get involved more through contributions to the community including Navigators. - John: Lives in Dunnstown and is a member of CFA Warrenheip. He’d like to get to know Boral better and observed there seems to be a gap between Boral and the community. His biggest issue is trucks and speed limits. He noted Boral will exist long into the future and the community and Boral need to work together. - Rick: Lives on the western side of quarry and has been there for five years. He was part of the original CRG. He noted the expansion of the quarry and the community wants to make sure it works with Boral to ensure dust, noise, visual amenity and truck issues are managed properly. Rick acknowledged the effort by previous CRG members. He’d like to see a community benefit fund established and trucks, noise, dust and wildlife corridor issues addressed. - Richard: First CRG meeting and his family has also been in the area for three generations. His property adjoins Boral and he is keen to understand Boral’s future plans. He’d like to see Dunnstown prosper and noted there is a lot of traffic through town. He noted the need to look after industry and would like to see more contributions from Boral to the Dunnstown community. He noted there are a lot of near misses near the BP on the Western Freeway. - Wayne: Has lived in Navigators for 26 years and his family has lived in the area since mid-1800s. He is Vice President of the local history group and is part of committee that runs the Navigator’s venue. He’d like a fund to be established between the Navigators community and Boral and to establish a project that will generate income.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jim: Has lived in Yendon for 30 years and is the retired manager of an environmental consultancy. He is a member of Yendon Recreation Reserve. He is here to try to minimise impacts of the quarry and has a major interest in the natural environment. He noted the quarry is in an important location and that Boral has an opportunity to provide linkage from Dunnstown to Buninyong via the establishment of a wildlife corridor. - Gail: Has lived in the area for five years and is a member of the CFA. She works in primary health and is here to understand any health and amenity concerns including roads, state of roads and safety. She is also interested in the management of dust, groundwater and regreening the environment.
<p>6. Boral presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Craig gave an overview of Dunnstown Quarry’s operations [refer to PowerPoint presentation attachment]. - Gail asked about how Boral suppresses dust. Craig noted that water suppression is used and that water is recycled where possible. He confirmed that it is regular dust and does not containsilica. Gail asked whether the dust suppression used is best practice. Craig confirmed water sprayers are used across all operations and operations are covered where possible. - Gail asked when blasting occurs. Craig confirmed Boral blasts Monday-Friday, usually between 12pm-2pm. Mel noted there is a blasting notification system. Craig noted he texts people when blasting will occur. - Richard asked what happens if there is a dust issue, e.g. if cattle are covered in dust. Craig confirmed dust monitors are in place which alert Boral if they exceed maximum allowances. Richard noted he would like a dust monitor on his property. Glenn noted there are requirements for Boral to monitor as part of the work plan and that if limits are breached ERR will become involved. He confirmed there are north, south, east and west monitors and that using sprayers on operations is best practice. He also confirmed sweepers manage dust on haul roads. - Rick asked about the dust messages that are sent by Boral and whether they are automated. He noted starting machines in the morning causes dust, especially on hot days. - Blair noted Boral has collected 12 months of dust data and has observed where dust collects. He advised the data would be shared. Gail asked about future dust emissions and Richard noted dust becomes worse during SE winds. Jane observed dust management could be discussed at a future meeting and Mel confirmed an environmental specialist could attend to talk about dust mitigation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Action: Blair to share dust data</i> - <i>Action: Environmental specialist to attend to speak about dust mitigation</i> - Blair noted work plan variation information is available publicly and that the CRG is being given the opportunity to provide input early.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gail queried groundwater levels and Blair confirmed monitoring is taking place and being measured against what has been modelled. Gail queried the quality of the water and Blair confirmed it will continue to be monitored post-closure.- Richard asked what the rehabilitated quarry will look like in the long run. Craig confirmed it will be capped with clean fill and grasses planted on top. He noted thousands of trees have already been planted. Richard asked if the whole boundary could be planted. Blair confirmed the boundary would be bunded and landscaped.- Gail asked how many hectares the quarry expansion would cover. Blair confirmed around 32ha.- Jim noted the quarry was in a strategic location to link two mountains between Dunnstown and Buninyong and there was an opportunity to be revegetated with shrubs, grasses, trees and indigenous vegetation. He noted there is a national funding body called the Nature Repair Market that funds rehabilitation projects of over 5ha.- Blair confirmed that all work plan variation-related assessments will be available.- Rick asked about noise trial data and Blair confirmed it will be shared this week.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Action: Blair to share noise trial data</i>- Catherine observed that council is not a decision maker under the work plan variation approval pathway and that under this pathway their opportunities to provide input are similar to that of the community. She noted the state government has identified projects of significance that are being streamlined with less opportunity for appeal.- It was noted by CRG members that the presentation was extremely difficult to read and it was confirmed that the presentation will be circulated.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Action: ensure future presentations can be viewed from back of room.</i>- <i>Action: circulate Boral presentation.</i>- Blair confirmed that Boral has applied to build an alternative access road.- Catherine offered opportunities for community input and suggested the package of information to be shared with CRG is made available early. She noted letters will be sent out to residents that will be impacted by the project by council. Residents can write to the state government department re. the planning permit application and views can be shared with Catherine and councillors. Catherine is happy to share information and receive feedback 1:1.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Action: send all reports relating to the work plan variation to the CRG</i>- Wayne asked whether council receives financial assistance from Boral. Catherine noted there is a road dilapidation agreement and Blair confirmed a special rate charge.- Blair confirmed that a road safety audit showed there should be a railroad crossing. He acknowledged the previous CRG's efforts in securing new speed limits on the
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	<p>road. He confirmed Boral and contractor vehicles have speed limit sensors and real time tracking.</p>
<p>7. Group discussion of previous minutes and action items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jane suggested using action items as agenda items and noted out of session meetings can be held in person or online. - Rehab and closure: Blair confirmed there is a plan and it can be shared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Action: Blair to share rehab and closure plan.</i> - Speed limit: issue is currently sitting with council. Catherine asked for Shane to send her the photos that have been discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Action: Shane to share photos with Catherine.</i> - Wildlife corridor: the group agreed they would like it to be a focus at the next meeting with a potential site visit. It was agreed to hold an out of session meeting between Boral and interested CRG members, with Penny to establish the meeting and develop the agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Action: Penny to organise meeting to take place mid-April and include Boral environmental specialist (Rob).</i> - Fencing: bund funding has been designated and is currently under review by the capital expenditure committee. - Housing tenancy: Blair noted houses close to the quarry would be tenanted when quarry moves south. - Lighting: Craig has taken the light down and messaged the tenant but has not received a response. - Shane noted he has not received a response re. the community benefit fund. Mel noted it was responded to via Simone at Premier Strategy. Mel confirmed project proposal of up to \$20k could be sent through to Boral for consideration and that Boral would like to maintain a flexible process. CRG members confirmed the benefit fund should remain as an agenda item. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Action: Mel to circulate email from Premier Strategy.</i>
<p>8. Set forward agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glazing issue to be taken offline and brought up with individuals - Wildlife corridor - Dust - Community benefit fund - Roads - Catherine noted there will be a lot of questions after reports relating to the work plan variation are circulated and that a Q&A should be held. Questions should be sent to Mel. - Rick asked whether previous minutes could be made available.



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	- <i>Action: circulate previous CRG minutes</i>
9. Set next meeting date	- May 29, 4:30pm-6:00pm

Actions

Agenda item	Action	Person responsible
6: Boral presentation	Share dust data	Blair/Jane
6: Boral presentation	Environmental specialist to attend future meeting to speak about dust mitigation	Mel
6: Boral presentation	Share noise trial data	Blair/Jane
6: Boral presentation	Ensure presentations can be viewed from back of room.	Boral
6: Boral presentation	Circulate Boral presentation.	Blair/Jane
6: Boral presentation	Send all reports relating to the work plan variation to the CRG	Blair/Jane
7. Group discussion of previous minutes and action items	Share rehab and closure plan.	Blair
7. Group discussion of previous minutes and action items	Share photos re. speed limit issue with Catherine.	Shane
7. Group discussion of previous minutes and action items	Organise meeting to take place mid-April and include Boral environmental specialist (Rob).	Penny
7. Group discussion of previous minutes and action items	Circulate email from Premier Strategy.	Mel/Jane
8. Set forward agenda	Circulate previous CRG minutes	Mel/Jane